CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

Pastor Jimmy Lee Smith

"Well Done, Thy Good and Faithful Servant..."
Matt. 25:21

Sunrise
August 21, 1949

Sunset
January 13, 2023

February 10, 2023 • 10:00 A.M.
Koinonia Christian Fellowship Church
12536 Hanford-Armona Road • Hanford, CA 93230

CALIFORNIA NORTHWEST JURISDICTIONAL PRELATE
Bishop N. A. Bullock,
Officiant

Obituary
Pastor Jimmy Lee Smith

Pastor Jimmy Lee Smith was born August 21, 1949, in Hanford, California to Oratio and Jerlene Smith.

Pastor Jimmy Smith completed his childhood education in Hanford, CA and was a graduate of Hanford High School in 1968, where he excelled in baseball and football. Pastor Smith furthered his education and graduated with his A.A. Degree in Business Administration in 1970 from the College of the Sequoias in Visalia, CA.

Pastor Smith grew up enjoying and playing music in his father's church. Music was his passion. He played a variety of instruments from the base guitar, trombone, saxophone, guitar, piano, and his favorite the organ.

Pastor Jimmy Smith met and married Bertha Reed November 1969. To this union were born two sons, Lamar and Onajey Smith. As time passed he met and married Missionary Peggy Batiste August 1979 and became the step-father to Christopher and Robert Batiste.

Pastor Jimmy accepted Christ into his life at the young age of 16 in 1965. He was a dedicated member of Cavalry Temple C.O.G.I.C. in Lemoore, CA under the leadership of his father, the late Superintendent Oratio Smith up until 1989 when he moved to San Bernardino, CA. He was ordained by the late Bishop Charles E. Blake in 1992. In 1993 his job transferred him to Topeka Kansas and he became the minister of music under the leadership of Bishop L. F. Thuston. While serving in the ministry, Pastor Smith was called to pastor Little Bethlehem C.O.G.I.C. in Council Grove, Kansas where he went on to pastor for 12 years. February 2019 Pastor Smith moved back to California to assist his father in the ministry. At the passing of his father, Superintendent Oratio Smith, Pastor Jimmy was appointed as the new Pastor of Calvary Temple C.O.G.I.C. February 2022.

Pastor Smith retired from BNSF Railways after 37 years. Prior to working for the railroad he was a truant officer at Hanford High School and a laborer for Armstrong Tire Company. After the closing of Armstrong Tires he went into business with his brother, the late Minister Bobby Smith, driving semi-trucks.

Pastor Jimmy Smith was preceded in death by his parents Superintendent Oratio and Missionary Jerlene Smith; two brothers, Minister Bobby Smith and Alvin Smith Sr.; brother-in-law, Pastor MyCorther McKnight; his sister Sis Betty Smith; and one grandson.

On January 13, 2023 Pastor Jimmy Lee Smith answered the call from God. He leaves to cherish his memory: his loving and devoted wife Missionary Peggy Smith; two sons: Lamar Smith of Fresno, CA and Onajey Smith of Lemoore, CA; two step-sons, Christopher and Robert Batiste both of Topeka, KS; two sisters: Missionary Evalean McKnight of Acto, NJ, and Loretta Smith of Lemoore, CA; three brothers: Elder Samuel E. Smith Sr. (Sis Ozell) of Visalia, CA, Oratio Smith Jr. (Diane) of Hanford, CA, and Steven Smith (Diane) of Peoria, AZ; 15 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, Calvary Temple C.O.G.I.C. family and friends.

Pastor Smith was adored and admired by many. He was a remarkable man who loved the Lord and his family. He will truly be missed.

Honoring
Pastor Oratio Smith, Sr.

Musical Prelude

Processional ..... Clergy & Family

Master of Ceremony ..... Supt. Eugene Chester
Executive Assistant

Invocation - Prayer of Comfort ..... Pastor Varnell Bell, Sr.

Reading of the Holy Word
Old Testament ..... Supt. Wilbert Clark *New Testament* ..... Elder Barry Chester
State Evangelist President

Selection ..... Calvary Temple COGIC Choir

Expressions ..... *(2 minutes please)* ..... Friends
Missionary Sammie M. Johnson

Expressions ..... Family
Elder Samuel Smith Sr.

Acknowledgment of Condolences ..... Missionary Stephanie Bonner

Obituary ..... *(Read Silently)*

Selection ..... Calvary Temple COGIC Choir

Resolutions ..... Supt. John Jackson
Administrative Assistant

State Supervisor of California Northwest ..... Mother Rashonda McDonald
Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

Special Remarks ..... Executive Assistant Pastor Wilbert Keel
Pastor's and Elder's Council ..... Pastor Thurnell Clayton
Administrative Board ..... Administrative Asst. Bennie Toliver

Introduction of Speaker ..... Administrative Assistant G. E. Harris
First Administrative Assistant - California Northwest Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

Sermonic Selection ..... Sister Tiffany Coulter

Spoken Word ..... Bishop N. A. Bullock
Prelate - California Northwest Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

Recessional ..... Clergy & Family

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The family wishes to express our grateful appreciation to everyone for the many acts of kindness by prayers, phone calls, floral arrangements, and visits. Your kindness and love will always be remembered and greatly appreciated - May God Bless All of You.

The Family

-Active Pallbearers-

Christopher Smith, Jermond Smith, Sh'Ron Bonner,
Alvin Smith Jr., Samuel Smith Jr., Elijah Smith

-Honorary Pallbearers-

Lamar Smith, Onajey Smith, Christopher Batiste, Robert Batiste
Elder Samuel Smith Sr., Bro. Oratio Smith, Jr., Bro. Steven Smith

-Special Thanks-

Koinonia Christian Fellowship
Hanford, California

People's Funeral Home
Hanford, California

-Internment-

Hanford District Cemetery
10500 S. 10th Avenue • Hanford, CA 93230

Repast will be held immediately following the internment at:
Lemoore Senior Citizen Center
789 S. Lemoore Avenue • Lemoore, CA 93245

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RESOLUTION

of California Northwest Jurisdiction
Church of God in Christ

Elder Jimmy Lee Smith

"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain" Revelation 21:4

We, the Executive Body and Members of California Northwest Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Elder Jimmy Lee Smith, Pastor of Calvary Church of God in Christ of the New Joshua Generation District in California Northwest Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction.

WHEREAS, He will be greatly missed by his loved ones and those to whom he had endeared himself in the church and community. In the beginning of his father's pastorage in Lemoore, he and his brothers helped their father, Superintendent Oratio Smith, Sr. to build the Calvary Temple Church. He was dedicated to fulfilling the will of God and the legacy of his father who went home to be with the Lord in January of 2022 and he served as an Honorary Pallbearer at his services on Friday, February 11, 2022.

WHEREAS, Elder Jimmy Smith had an anointing, inspiring and fruitful ministry for one year as pastor and several years as assistant to his pastor at Calvary Temple Church of God in Christ. He embraced his father's saying "Woe to the family who is without God." In this our beloved saint of God, we have lost a noble worker and a tireless leader of God's people.

BE IT RESOLVED, We are praying for you that the Lord Jesus will help you as you mourn, comfort you with the knowledge of His love which is stronger than death and enable you to trust Him for the future of your loved ones and yourself. God will help you to cast all of your cares on Him, knowing that the grave holds no power over those who trust in Him. "*The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away: blessed be the name of the Lord"* Job 1:21.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the members of California Northwest Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction go on record as expressing our deepest sympathy to Lady Peggy Ann Smith and the family of Elder Jimmy Lee Smith and members of Calvary Temple Church of God in Christ and that a copy of these resolutions be given to the family and a copy kept in our records.

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Submitted this Tenth day of February, the Year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Three
by the
Executive Body of California Northwest Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

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Bishop Nathaniel A. Bullock, *Jurisdictional Prelate*
Mother Roshonda McDonald, *Jurisdictional Supervisor of Women*
Administrative Assistant John Jackson, *Executive Secretary*